

RE: Call with Premier Ford

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Thanks Michael. This is great news – will really change the dynamic.

I will follow-up with my Ontario counterpart this AM, and connect back with others on anything further. Will be interesting to compare with what you hear from yours Rob. Will ask my folks to work with PCO and others on adjusting the communication lines to reflect this development.

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Protected – FPT Discussions

Here is a quick read-out of a call that Minister LeBlanc had with Premier Ford this evening:

The Premier will be announcing tomorrow at 10 am that Ontario is issuing an Order under the Emergency Act, and that it will implement severe penalties and sanctions for truckers involved in these illegal blockages– seizing vehicles, suspending licences, issuing fines. Prosecutors will be instructed to pursue charges. Will pursue every economic sanction possible to make it clear that this cannot be tolerated. When the Legislature resumes sitting, they will also introduce legislation to legislate severe economic sanctions.

The Premier is very concerned about the impacts on the business climate and that this is negatively impacting how Ontario and Canada looks in the United States and in the world. He is hearing from many companies raising serious questions about how this can happen in Canada, and they are questioning future investments.

He said that all three levels of government need to work closely together to prevent further barricades at points of critical infrastructure and he asked for our full cooperation. All three levels of government need to send a clear signal that Canada is open for business.

Minister LeBlanc informed him that the Americans will make it clear that anyone convicted will be barred from entering the United States.

The Premier confirmed information we received today about the role the OPP is taking in Windsor and he said that the OPP is ready to play the role it needs to in Ottawa. Minister LeBlanc said the RCMP is ready to provide whatever resources are needed as long as there is a good plan in place.

The Premier also said that on Monday he will be announcing plans to relax public health measures. In his view, the public is at a breaking point, other jurisdictions are taking these steps and he has the full support of Dr. Moore to put in place a more aggressive schedule in Ontario.

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